opinion that the bargesystem is enough to supply the whole of the town ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—The barge system will not be satisfactory if we are to supply the whole of the town.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—If so, has the Government got any desire to supply good water to Mattancheri satisfactorily through any other means ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—Certainly.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—If the barge system is not satisfactory will itbe replaced by any better system ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—Yes.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—May I know what is that system ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—That is to lay out a pipe line from Ernakulam to Mattancheri across the back-water.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Will it be put in the nearest future ?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—Yes.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—May I know why it was not done before and why is it proposed to continue the water tax before the cent per cent of people is supplied with water?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—It is one of engineering difficulty. The pipe lines have to be taken across the backwater. There was a proposal to construct a bridge across the backwater leading to the harbour and we wanted to wait till then.

**Mr. Popatlal Goverdhan Lalan.**—Is the Government aware that water supplied to Mattancheri while it is not sufficient is being taken away by people of British Cochin?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—Government have not sanctioned the taking of water from Mattancheri by the people of British Cochin. I do not know whether any piracy exists there.

## Ernakulam High School buildings—Expenditure on.

**77. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.**—Will the Government be pleased tostate:—

(a) the amount of money spent on the buildings formerly used for housing the Sirkar High School at Ernakulam;

(b) the amount of money spent on the buildings now used for housing the said High School?

**Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.**—(a) Rs. 85,975—10—2.

(b) The expenditure incurred on the buildings till the end of Mithunam 1109 is Rs. 96,910—5—5 including acquisition charges.

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